Ban on Government Companies in the BIDS for CMT

1231. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Telecommunications has announced guidelines which ban the entry of Government companies for participation in bids for Cellular Mobile Telephone;

(b) if so, the reason for not permitting Government companies to participate in the bids;

(c) the details of private sector companies which participated in the bids, and

(d) the details of the guidelines issued and by when these are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a).

(c) The tender for 20 territorial circles is still open. The details of companies will be known after opening of the tender.

(d) The bids will be evaluated in two stages in the first stage, the bidders who meet the eligibility, technical, commercial, finacial and operating conditions of the tender will be shortlisted. In the second stage the financial bid of the shortlisted bidders will be evaluated on the basis of total cellular levy and payment schedule of levy proposed in the bids. The implementation time frame will be finfialised based upon the bids received.

Benfit of "C" and "D" Grades of DOT

1232. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Civil and Establishment Wing of DOT has been augmented recently to benefit only SAG, JAG, STS grades of civil wing and not the 'C' and 'D' grades,

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by Government to safeguard the interest of group 'C' and 'D' staff?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): a) No, Sir. Out of the total Number Group A to D posts created on and after 12.8.94, the Group 'C and 'd' posts constitutes about 69 per cent.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) All proposals for augmentation of staff take into account the requirements for group C and D staff.

Non-availability of freshly released stamps in Parliament House

1233. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the post offices in Parliament House are not stocking freshly released stamps;

(b) if so, reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government would instruct the concerned to have new, freshly released stamps in Parliament House Post Offices for sale?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir. Both the post offices viz. Parliament House Post Office and Sansadiya Saudh Post Office are stocking freshly released stamps for sale.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.